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Mass. Bill Bounced Around

By David Brill

BOSTON — The Massachusetts House of Representatives played a game of legislative volleyball last week with House bill 5868 (formerly H.2849), a bill banning discrimination against gays in public employment. The game began last Tuesday, April 29, when Rep. Edward P. Coury (D-New Bedford) opened debate on the measure.

Coury said that the bill would create "chaos and confusion within the civil service system."

A hush fell over the House when Rep. Elaine Noble (D-Back Bay) rose to make her maiden speech before the House. "It is with great pride," she said, "that I stand before you today to

discuss two personal principles of mine." Noble said that she was speaking of the principles of public service and personal freedom, and that "thousands are watching this bill today."

"Only you can put those principles into action," Noble told her colleagues. Noble received a minute-long standing ovation from her fellow legislators following her remarks.

Coury, rising to rebut Noble, said, "It costs money to put these bills on the books." Coury denied that there was a need for this legislation, and said that it was a misuse of the civil service laws.

Rep. Richard E. Landry (D-Wal-

tham), head of the House Public Service Committee and floor sponsor of the bill, then took the podium and took issue with those who thought that the gay rights issue was a politically dangerous one. He noted that two of last year's most outspoken opponents of the same bill were not re-elected, and also pointed out new U.S. Civil Service Commission regulations regarding gays in government service. "The most you're going to get from your constituents on this," he claimed, "is a little ribbing."

Rep. William F. Hogan (D-Everett), who chairs the House Public Safety Committee, said he had heard "very

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Bail To Be Set for Four from Kentucky

By Rosenjane

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Kentucky gays jailed in the grand jury investigation of Saxe-Power won their plea for bail in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 28. The U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that the issue is in doubt as to whether there was abuse of the grand jury. Then the Appeals Court ordered the lower court to set bail for the Kentucky Six and to determine whether, in fact, the grand jury was actually called to help the FBI find fugitives Susan Saxe and Katherine Power, and not mainly to discover if people had committed the crime of harboring criminals.

Attorney Robert Sedler had argued before the court that the purpose of the grand jury is to review evidence and return "well-founded" indictments, not to gain information leading to the arrest of people already indicted. He said that if the court did not review the grand jury, the jury could be used to question people until evidence of any violation of the law appeared. It should be used to determine if there is evidence of a stated crime and if the evidence warrants bringing a person before the court. The ruling of the court this week supports Sedler's argument that the court can and should review the grand jury to see that it has been used properly.

For the four people still in jail, the ruling means that they may be out of jail on bail within the week. The other two, Carey Junkin and Debby Hands, were released two weeks after they were incarcerated when they agreed to testify. This will mean a welcome break in the ordeal that began for the six Kentuckians last March 8 when they were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury.

Six people were called; five women and one man. They were all to be questioned on their knowledge of two women identified as fugitives Saxe and

Power, wanted by the FBI on charges of robbery and murder. The two women known in Lexington as Lena Paley and Mae Kelly had been identified as the two fugitives by FBI sources. However, by the time the information was received, the two had left Kentucky. The FBI was and is trying to find out all they can about the habits of the two women so they can trace them. Saxe has already been apprehended, but Power is still missing. The two women travelled together for nearly five years, eluding the FBI. However, through sources the FBI determined that the fugitives lived and worked in lesbian-feminist communities. They tended to stay away from the big cities and to choose university areas where there is a high rate of population turnover. They often worked in women-run or alternative culture businesses like health food restaurants or karate schools. In Lexington they had worked in a woman-run restaurant.

Lexington is a university town. A former resident called it "the gay mecca of the Midwest." A GCN correspondent wrote that the town is "the intellectual center of the state." All of the six were students at the University of Kentucky and active in gay and political movements on campus. The restaurant where Saxe worked is across the street from the campus.

The six people called before the grand jury refused to answer questions. After they were found in contempt their attorney read a joint statement from them. In that statement the six said that their decision to refuse to answer was based on principle and not on any effort to conceal information from the FBI. They further informed the court that they had no knowledge or reason to believe that Lena Paley or Mae Kelley were any other than the persons that they claimed to be or that they were fugitives from

justice. They said that they had no knowledge of their present whereabouts. Grand Jury Judge Moynahan asked them twice if they would consent to testify before he ordered them taken into custody. The defense then made motions to delay the people's imprisonment until after an appeal to the U.S. District Court of Appeals and/or to set bail for the people. Both motions were denied and the six went to jail.

Two weeks later Debby Hand and Carey Junkin, the two who had been separated from the others in jail, decided to talk to the grand jury and were released. Reports said that their information was of little value and the other four issued a statement in support of their decision. They said that the experiences that they had undergone in jail made them feel that it was a "cruel and unusual" method of coercing innocent people into complicity with injustice.

Carey Junkin, in a recent letter to GCN, said that he was beaten several times by the guards, thrown into solitary confinement and tear-gassed because the guards accused him of

"preaching communist propaganda" to other prisoners.

Morty Manfred of the Kentucky Defense Fund visited the women still in jail a few weeks ago. He saw Gail Cohey and Jill Raymond at the Pineville jail. He writes:

"We were allowed 30 minutes. There was a horrible feeling as gates opened in front of them and then clanged shut behind them as they came forward. The four of us stood before a huge, thick metal door and spoke through a screened hole about 4 by 8 inches. They drew up against the screens to see better. Gail and Jill beamed with joy at having company. It was an incredible up to see them."

The group saw Linda Link and Marla Seymont later at their jail. This jail had no visitors' room so they stood before the cell and talked through the bars. Manfred writes:

"Linda and her lover just spent 20 minutes holding each other between the bars, crying for joy. Marla talked to us while these two were closed in their own little circle. The guard didn't seem to mind the hand-holding between the bars. Marla is very strong. She smiled a lot."

Later Marla wrote a statement about her experience. She wrote: "The current patriarchy is the biggest threat — I know that only too well. From the FBI to subpoenae, to the not-so-grand jury, to court, I've been raped by snide, smug men working to put me behind their bars . . . I'm sick of maleness, especially the male government that is directly responsible for my very lesbian ass being perched in a jail cell."

Manfred writes that the town has many reactions to the case. The most conservative paper said that they found the witnesses' idealism incredible and the FBI's actions deplorable. How-

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By Su Borden

DURHAM — April 20-26 was celebrated as Women's Week '75 at the University of New Hampshire. The schedule included workshops on sororities and sisterhood with a full range in between, women singing every noon hour during the week, a women's concert followed by a dance with Deadly Nightshade.

There were two workshops on women loving women. The first, entitled "Lesbianism," was attended by about ten women, most of whom were dykes. The discussion was rambling for lack of focus.

The second workshop, entitled "Lesbian Feminism," was attended by many gay women, some women who had never come out before, and some straight women. Questions raised by the group and discussed included "Is lesbianism a natural outgrowth of feminism? How about vice versa? Where is the dividing line between feminism and lesbianism? Is there such a thing as a political lesbian?" This group ended up with not only more understanding between participants, but with a feeling of sisterhood also.

DURHAM — The Gay Students Organization of the University of New Hampshire held a meeting Tuesday, April 22. At that meeting plans for speaking engagements and the record hop were discussed. The GSO will hold a record hop in the Strafford Room of the Memorial Union building on Monday, May 5 at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited.



AUGUSTA — The Maine Gay Task Force is now a member of the Maine Conference on Human Services. The latter was established in 1909 and is a member of the National Conference on Social Welfare. It is an association of charitable and other service-oriented organizations involved with social welfare. Last year members of the MGTF spoke at a state-wide MCHS conference. As a result they were invited to join and the required membership fee was donated to them. The MGTF Newsletter noted that "membership in the Conference establishes professional recognition of the MGTF as an organization providing social services for the Gay Community."

PORTLAND — Stan Fortuna, infatigable gay activist, succeeded in having the *Maine Sunday Telegram* accept advertising in their family section for the Maine Gay Task Force Newsletter. The paper's owners, the Gannett chain, had originally accepted Fortuna's ad and then rejected it, returning it with the notation that "the

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news notes

ALL 3 NETWORKS FOR GAYS

NEW YORK — The American Broadcasting Companies, Inc., has issued a statement to the National Gay Task Force saying it "does not discriminate in any way against employees or candidates for employment on account of their sexual preference."

Issued on April 10 by Peter Cusack, Vice President for ABC Personnel, the statement came in response to inquiries by NGTF Media Director Loretta Lotman and a March 26 meeting between Lotman, Cusack, NGTF Board Member Robert Livingston and ABC attorney Mark Roth.

ABC now becomes the third network to ban discrimination against gay women and men in employment. NBC added gay persons to the network equal opportunity employment policy on Jan. 31, 1975. CBS issued a comparable statement in early March. The networks all said that they had not changed their policies towards gay individuals, but were only making public their de facto employment policies.

The ABC policy statement affects approximately 12,000 employees of the ABC Television and Radio Networks; ABC owned and operated stations; ABC Records; and ABC Record and Tape Sales Corporation.



JOINTS

Sunday Telegram is a family newspaper." Not one to be outdone, Fortuna pointed out to the paper that homosexuals also have families. During the ensuing exchange *Telegram* officials expressed fears that the Task Force Newsletter might be pornographic. Fortuna also pointed out that it would be hypocritical of the *Telegram* to refuse MGTF advertising since a year ago they accepted hundreds of dollars of anti-homosexual ads critical of the state's first gay conference. The ads were sponsored by fundamentalist clergy.

ORONO — Congressperson Will Cohen has replied to a letter from Wilde-Stein Club secretary Susan Henderson, requesting his support for bill H.R.166, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual preference. Cohen is a member of the powerful Judiciary Committee. Henderson termed Cohen's reply "either neutral or expediently polite on the issue of civil rights for gay people."

YARMOUTH — The April meeting of the MGTF was held at the home of Coordinator Steve Leo. Mid the gentle tinkling of tea things, Johnny Frank presided and Peter Prizer took notes. Stan Fortuna gave a generally gloomy financial report. Sobs echoed throughout the meeting. Much business was discussed despite the aforementioned and those who wish to know exactly what transpired may find out by reading the April issue of the MGTF Newsletter.

GAY PAPERS WANTED

BOSTON — The Task Force on Human Sexuality of the Metropolitan Community Church is requesting papers on the topic of sexuality. These papers will be used in a working paper on the gay person's view of human sexuality from a Christian perspective.

Correspondence should be addressed to Task Force on Human Sexuality, MCC, 131 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02114.



Roach (*Leuciscus rutilus*).

GCN INC. ELECTS

BOSTON — The ten persons elected to the Board of Directors of the corporation, G.C.N. Inc., are, in alphabetical order, the following: Ron Arruda, Diane Bellevance, Sturgis Haskins, Ian Johnson, Linda Lachman, Rick Paquette, Ann Sanders, Lester Stockman, Dave Stryker, and Xenia Williams. The newly formed Board met for the first time on Wednesday, April 30, to begin the tasks of electing its officers, and chairing and composing its various standing committees.

GAY TIMES FOR MONTREAL

MONTREAL — A new monthly gay paper, *Gay Times*, is being published in Montreal. The paper, printed in English, is the first publication of the gay community in the city. For information write: *Gay Times*, 159 Pine Ave. East, Apt. 1, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.



contact

By David Walker

HARTFORD — Like any small beginning congregation the Metropolitan Community Church hold its social events in a multi-purpose room which also serves as the worship area. Friday night, April 18, a kaleidoscope of holiday decorations dressed the room up for a dance. About 75 people enjoyed the electronic music of Sam Kimble and friends: the sound was full, the beat exciting, and the drummer's vocal was very romantic. When the police came with a complaint about the volume, the windows were shut and smoke-scattering fans were hauled out of storage. Will this church be able to survive in its residential neighborhood



ART CONTEST

PROVINCETOWN — The Provincetown Drop-In Center is sponsoring a contest to select a logo for its letterhead and business cards. \$50 has been donated by the Drop-In Center staff as a prize for the best entry.

The contest is open to residents of Provincetown, Truro and Wellfleet. Entries should be in one color and submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 8. No limit on the number of entries per person. Send to Jay Critchley, Drop-In Center, 6 Gosnold St. For more information call 487-3684.



Common Roller (*Coracias garrula*).

ERA DEALT BLOW

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Judiciary Committee recently submitted an unfavorable report on the Equal Rights Amendment.

According to Massachusetts law, any amendment to the state constitution must be ratified by two consecutive legislatures before it can be placed on the ballot. If the amendment is then approved by the voters, it becomes law.

The ERA was passed unanimously by last year's legislature. It is, therefore, up to this current legislature as to whether or not this amendment will be sent to the voters.

Massachusetts has already ratified the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. The Equal Rights Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution is designed to protect the rights of women in Massachusetts in more inclusive terms than those in the federal amendment.

at 11 Amity Street? Only time will tell.

The same large room became a coffee-house Friday, April 25; a place to meet, a place to relax and talk, a forum for both straights and gays. The director, Bob March, is not imposing any plan or program on the group. "We don't want to make it something it doesn't want to become," says Jay Deacon, MCC pastor. The hours for the coffee-house are 7:30 til 1:30 on Friday nights.

Sunday, April 27, and every fourth Sunday of the month, the room houses a buffet supper at 6 p.m. The cost per person is \$1.50. When the meal is over, around 7:30 p.m., the talbes are pushed back and the members roll out the worship center for an evening service.

For further details on any of these programs, call the Church at (203) 522-5575 or (203) 523-9837.

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Hearings on Jacques and The Other Side

By Kevin McGirr

BOSTON — Hearings continued into the fifth day before the Boston Licensing Board on whether to revoke or cut back the hours on the licenses of two bars, Jacques and The Other Side. The hearings are a result of a petition from the Bay Village Neighborhood Association Unincorporated and a special investigation conducted by the Police Department the first three months of this year.

On Wednesday, April 30, Mayor Kevin White read a statement before the board supporting attempts to revoke the licenses. The Mayor stated that, "Reports I have received from the Boston Police Department and community residents and my own inspection of the area convinces me that these two bars are a menace to public safety." The Mayor made reference to police reports and the "long list of incidents involving assault and battery." In his statement the Mayor made two demands, "First, that Jacques and The Other Side be closed permanently, and their licenses revoked. Only this severe action will be a deterrent to other liquor establishments in the city that also freely disregard community standards. Second, that the Board enforce its sanctions with equal

vigor upon any other establishments cited by the Police for repeated violations." The Mayor's appeal was added to a list of five City Council members who have made similar appeals.

Representative Barney Frank also testified, making an emphatic address to supposed charges of anti-gay bias and racism which were made in a pro-bar rally on April 10. Frank noted his own record on Gay Rights and beginning in 1973 and his subsequent cooperation with Rep. Elaine Noble in the State Legislature. He termed charges of racism as "nonsense," adding that he had in fact heard complaints to the effect that "Blacks have found themselves unwelcome at these bars." Frank said that a letter co-authored with Elaine Noble would be submitted refuting charges of anti-gay bias.

Attorney for the defense, Francis Dimento in his cross-examination of Frank attempted to establish ethnic and class bias in the case. Dimento recited selected names from the BVNA-Unincorporated most of whom Dimento referred to as WASP sounding names and suggested in contrast the media's use of the name Vara as suggestive and prejudicing.

The bulk of this week's testimony

came from police witnesses who testified to criminal arrests for assaults, sale and possession of drugs, sexual solicitation, vandalism and robbery. Police also testified to licensing board violations such as alcoholic beverages being served to minors, alcohol being removed from the premises and overcrowding.

The defense's line of questioning in cross-examination of witnesses was consistent in challenging the severity of

Street and in the theatre district where measures were instituted to alleviate problems. Dimento noted that the bar owners' and managers' suggestions to police officials have gone unheeded. But Supt. Jordan was adamant in his feeling that the only alternative to eliminating problems in this area was to close the bars. Jordan also stated that crime in this area was directly attributed to the existence of the bars and that in his familiarity with city-



Deputy Boston Police Supt. John F. Doyle (left), Commanding Officer of the Intelligence Division, confers with Deputy Supt. Joseph V. Saia, Commanding Officer of Patrol Area C (Downtown and Back Bay), at recent City Hall hearings on Jacques and The Other Side. (photo by Ray)

FIOs Class Action Suit

By Rick Paquette

BOSTON — A class action suit against the F.I.O. (Field Interrogation/Observation) is the possible outcome of a fact-finding project being initiated by attorney Richard Rubino and concerned members of the gay community. The latest round of harassment by the Boston Police Department, intimidating gay men at the Boston Public Library, has prompted the attempt to organize the suit.

In an interview with GCN, Richard Rubino, of the Boston law firm of Rook, Roth and Rubino, said, "We are primarily interested in obtaining any information concerning the activities of the F.I.O. Information will be handled confidentially — informants may use a pseudonym if they wish. Secondly, we need people, numbers, who want to join the suit to show the

the Boston Public Library. Don Meuse (see GCN, Vol. 2, No. 39) was told by the special officers "you just had better not be seen in the library again or you will be in trouble." In a letter from Boston Police Commissioner Robert J. DiGrazia to Don Meuse (see GCN, Vol. 2, No. 44), DiGrazia said "as a result of your letter (and others)," the sergeant in charge of the Anti-Crime Unit in the library "will not in the future exercise the discretion which is his prerogative in these cases. (Whether or not to arrest) From now on, persons so apprehended will be physically arrested and openly prosecuted in a court of law in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth."

An F.I.O. report is filled out whenever a person is questioned by the Anti-Crime Unit. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that F.I.O.'s are a legal mechanism as long as no harm is being done. Rubino and others want to know what is being done with these reports. "Are they available to the public?"

Some persons interviewed by the special officers have told Rubino that the "comment section" of the F.I.O. report was filled out before they were questioned.

What Rubino and other proponents of the suit hope to accomplish is an understanding between the gay community and the Police Department, to stop the harassment, to stop the B.P.D. from focusing on gay people and to find out what is being done with F.I.O. reports. Rubino will ask the Federal District Court for a restraining order against the B.P.D.

If Rubino can't muster enough evidence for a class action, energies will be directed toward making the strength of the gay community known to the elected position of the Police Commissioner via the Mayor's office.

Police harassment of gay men is not a new issue. F.I.O. reports have been used for several years. People have felt "something should be done" for a long time. Rubino feels that there are "a lot of unanswered questions — if we don't confront them it will get worse. Will this lead to false reports for arrests?"

crime in the bars and the surrounding area as compared to other areas. Comparative statistics have not yet been produced. Mr. Dimento also confronted various police department members including Supt. Joseph Jordan, who is the top commanding officer in the Police Department, with the lack of police department response in alleviating conditions in the area. In comparison, Dimento noted police response to problems on LaGrange

wide crime the Bay Village had the most volume.

In his questioning, Mr. Dimento has also attempted to suggest that there has been undue pressure and vendetta on the part of city and police officials bringing to bear upon the Board to close the bars.

The hearings look to their third week with defense still to call their witnesses and a probable appeal should the licenses be revoked.

Shapp Helps Pa. Gays

By Janet Cooper

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Gov. Milton J. Shapp fulfilled his campaign promise to the gay community by signing an executive order "ending discrimination against persons solely because of their affectional or sexual preference," on April 25. To give the executive order context, he assigned "Terry Dellmuth, one of [his] Special Assistant(s) for Human Services and Barry Kohn, Director of the Community Advocate Unit, Pennsylvania, Department of Justice," to "work with state agencies and private groups to further [sic] define the problem and make recommendations for further action."

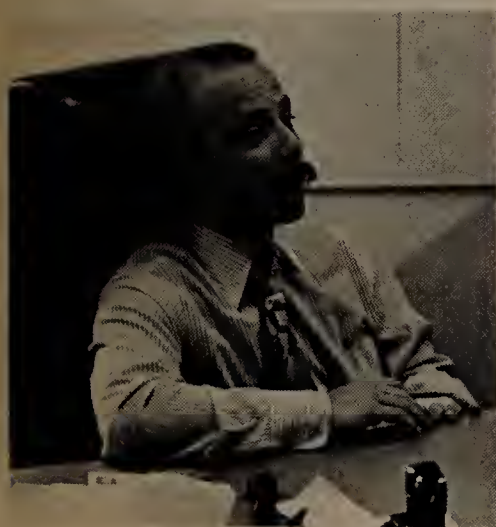
Milton Shapp's executive order as a demonstration of his "Commitment Toward Equal Rights," is a worldwide historical precedent. No other high government official with the authority and power of Gov. Shapp has evolved a system to facilitate the recognition of the injustices against erotic minorities. While other states and countries have abolished sodomy laws, Pennsylvania has not. Nevertheless in every state department, individuals have been appointed to implement actions to end discrimination.

Activists from gay organizations throughout Pennsylvania and representatives from state departments and agencies have been working in Harrisburg, the state capital, through the winter and spring. There has been

diverse representation from such various branches of the state government as insurance, public welfare, health, education, the Human Rights Commission, the Commission for Women, corrections, state troopers, justice, banking, and Affirmative Action. Indeed, Gov. Shapp's executive order directs, "State departments and agencies are instructed to fully cooperate with (the members of private groups) in the effort to end this type of discrimination."

Several members of the Gay Rights Task Force anticipate difficulties and a lack of full cooperation by the state agencies. Most of the state representatives are "front desk" people. They themselves are not decision-makers. They do not have the power nor the influence to set policy in their own departments.

Task Force member Mark Segal said, "Most gay activists in Pennsylvania are sensitive to the fact that much of the governor's constituency is homophobic. The problem is that most of the constituency does not recognize its homophobia — the fear of same sex affectional and sexual preference in themselves or the fear of knowing someone who enjoys such preference. For Gov. Shapp, an elected politician who is concerned about his constituency's opinion of him, such an executive order is a form of a profile in political courage."



Attorney Rick Rubino

strength of our argument." Those wishing to join the suit or who have information may contact him at 742-0144.

A class action suit is brought by a group of persons who have been similarly aggrieved. It is necessary to define the group. The action must prove that the harassment is directed against a certain group rather than toward individuals.

Secondarily, the suit must show that harm is being done. In this action, Rubino wants to show that gay men are being threatened, detained, insulted and brusquely tossed around by the plain-clothes under-cover police officers of the Anti-Crime Unit assigned to



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Gay Legislation '75, through endless hours of hard work and personal sacrifices, has managed to get H.5868 passed by the Massachusetts House of Representatives. However, there is little time for exultations and congratulations. Bill H.5868 will be sent before the Senate (within the next two weeks) to be voted on. If it does not pass the Senate there will be no reason for exultations and congratulations.

We should all learn a lesson from what happened to the Connecticut gay rights bill. Their House of Representatives defeated the bill, even though it had passed the Senate by a 2 to 1 margin the week before. In order to prevent that from happening here in Massachusetts, we urge our readership to contact their senators.

Whether you be gay, bi, straight, up-front, down-back, or so far in the closet you only use GCN to burn in order to have light enough to read your *Wall Street Journal*, what is needed is a card, a call, a letter.

We can't afford to go backwards. At a time when the civil rights movement seems to be retrogressing (Massachusetts Judiciary Committee gave an unfavorable report to a bill establishing the required second-time ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment) it will take our combined effort and concern to get gay legislation passed. Please do not leave it up to someone else. The following is a list of the Massachusetts Senators. Contact them!

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02174; Burke, Edward (D), 1325 Worcester Road, Framingham 01701; Conte, John (D), 18 Dorothy Ave., Worcester 01606; DiCarlo, Joseph (D), 81 Pearl Ave., Revere 02151;

Fitzpatrick, John (R), Main St., Stockbridge 01262; Foley, Daniel (D), 35 Revere St., Worcester 01604; Fonseca, Mary (D), 400 David St., Fall River 02720; Hall, Robert (R), 166 Cross Rd., Lunenburg 01462; Harrington, Kevin (D), 21 Fairview Rd., Salem 01970; Kelly, James A. (D), 1186 Stafford St., Oxford 01540; Lewis, Arthur (D), 339 Pond St., Boston 02130; Locke, David (R), 15 Ordway Rd., Wellesley 02181; LoPresti, Michael (D), 23 Waldemar Ave., East Boston 02128; MacKenzie, Ronald (R), 18 Spruce Hill Rd., Burlington 01803; McCann, Francis (D), 19 Hutchinson St., Cambridge 02138; McCarthy, Robert E. (D), 353 Summer St., East Bridgewater 02333; McGrail, Stephen (D), 180 Kennedy Dr., Malden 02148; McKenna, Denis (D), 16 Prospect Hill Ave., Somerville 02143; McKinnon, Allan (D), 78 Cottage Lane, Weymouth 02188; Oliver, John (D), 1333 West St., Amherst 01002; Owens, Bill (D), 115 Hazelton St., Mattapan 02126; Parker, John (R), 28 Orchard St., Taunton 02780;

Rogers, George (D), 23 Robeson St., New Bedford 02740; Rurak, James (D), 34 Margin St., Haverhill 01830; Saltonstall, William (R), 388 Summer St., Manchester 01944; Schlosstein, Frederic Jr. (D), East Road, Warren 01083; Sisitsky, Alan (D), 54 Draper St., Springfield 01108; Timilty, Joseph (D), 53 Maryknoll St., Mattapan 02126; Tobin, Arthur (D), 58 Huntly Rd., Quincy 02169; Tully, B. Joseph (D), 12 Mountain View Dr., Dracut 01826; Wall, William (D), 179 Spruce St., Lawrence 01841; Walsh, Joseph (D), 44 Valley Rd., Dorchester 02124; Zarod, Stanley (D), 537 Main St., Indian Orchard 01051.

LETTERS



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front page

Dear GCN,

The gay community of Logan made the front page of Utah State University's student newspaper last month, with a lengthy, well-written and informative article. Interviews with some of the local homosexuals, the D.A., and some straights gave an other wise dull campus something to talk about and gave us gays something to gloat over. The general reaction was pretty encouraging; the reporter, who is straight, was very cool about the whole thing, and can understand the situation better now, and many straight students said that it was the best article they had seen in a long time and that it was about time Student Life did something worthwhile with itself. Public reaction was diverse. Our local *Manchester Union Leader* candidate wrote several articles to both the student paper and the local one, decrying the depravity of the university in fostering such debate and information. He was properly lambasted by faculty and students alike for his narrow point of view.

We haven't started a gay revolution here by any means, but our ranks are growing as more and more gay men and women come out or make our acquaintance. The gay bars in Salt Lake are seeing a large delegation from Logan on the weekends, and the two communities have grown closer. There have been several big get-togethers, keggers, and football games. Weather permitting, there will be a party and softball game in Logan Canyon or wherever we can find a place this weekend. So much for social notes. I'm still trying to figure out where I'm going to get a horse and saddle with which to reenact Paul Revere's Ride!

There are a few good signs of encouragement: copies of the *Lesbian Tide* in the university library, plus several other feminist or gay oriented papers, including *The Advocate*.

Apparently, there is a large gay community in Boise, and friends in Phoenix asked for some contributions to the gay paper down there. The Mormon Church just had their spring Conference, in which all the old men got up and denounced the decaying morals and "rampant homosexuality" that surrounds us. (Keep up the good work, they're getting nervous). The MCC in Salt Lake seems to be doing well, though only a few members from Logan make it down for the services.

To those of you who wrote me — thanks very much. I'll try to write if I haven't already. It's good to hear from back home, even if it's been like a foreign country.

Kathy Riser
67 South 5 W
Logan, Utah
84321

giggles

Dear Gay Community News:

Thanks for reviving the *Did You See* column. I really enjoyed Tony's treatment and choice of material. It sure is refreshing to see a bit of humor injected into GCN. It is nice if some of the seriousness in the paper is balanced by more humor. We need more chuckles and giggles.

Happily,

Tom Morganti

lynchburg

Folks at GCN,

Did you know, you got one subscriber in Lynchburg, Va. at Lunchbag College? "Where ya bring in more than ya take out!" My library gets all your fresh copies, but they do not like their subscription. After I finish each GCN, I put it in our library for someone else to benefit from. Most gays here are sad closet cases and the action here is very slow unless you've been around for a long time and know where to get it. You can imagine how a private southern-baptist college in Va. likes a free and required GCN placed next to the southern-baptists' "revival" announcements!

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ti-grace

Dear Editors:

First, let me congratulate you on your politics. The space you're allotting to lesbian-feminists currently most up against the State (especially Susan Saxe, and, in your last issue, Terry Turgeon and Ellen Grusse) makes an important point for all of us. "Sisterhood" is all very well in *good* times. (Although since I'm opposed to the nuclear family, I never much liked the term.) "Sisterhood" in *bad* times is something else. Then friendship and loyalty have meaning. I hope to see more on the Lexington women still in jail. As Terry and Ellen mentioned, the prison conditions in Kentucky are especially bad and are taking their toll. Letters of support, filled with warmth and appreciation, can make those walls less formidable. (Gail Cohee and Jill Raymond, Bell County Jail, Pineville, Kentucky 40977; Linda Link and Marla Seymour, Franklin County Jail, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.)

I have just recently become familiar with your paper and, as you know, it's been something of a crash course. This letter is to correct some inaccuracies concerning myself which appeared in your story on the F.B.I. (GCN; April 26, 1975). Also, I'd like to share a few of the insights I've gained from the experience.

A couple of weeks ago, a man representing himself as a reporter for your paper called me. He said he was a friend of Michael White's (your New York correspondent) and that Mike had suggested this reporter call me about a story he was doing on Susan Saxe. (Mike was in Philadelphia at the time for the Saxe arraignment.) The caller proceeded to ask me about my views (or possible political justifications) on bank robbery and the demise of police officers.

Since my views on these subjects are hardly secret, I had no reluctance to see them in print. In addition, these questions are arising increasingly in the political communities I frequent, so I wanted some reasoned, supportive statements out for Susan Saxe's benefit. Some lesbian-feminists have identified with Susan more readily than members of the straight feminist community, so I feel an especial responsibility to speak out.

I met Michael White recently around the Grand Jury issue and the project of distributing educational material on this subject in our respective communities. I do not *know* the gay community, *per se*, with anything approximating my knowledge of the feminist or even lesbian-feminist communities. I did not *know* that a man calling me from a purely gay paper would be necessarily suspect. As a matter of fact, the only two calls I've ever had from gay papers *have* been from men — and they were both legitimate.

When Mike returned and I ran into him at a meeting, he happened to have a couple of copies of GCN with him — both of which concerned Susan Saxe. In glancing through, I noticed the interview I had given wasn't used, and I commented on this to Mike. I wasn't particularly alarmed at the omission, but Mike was. (It was a serious handicap that I couldn't remember the reporter's name. I do many interviews and meet many people and have *always* been terrible with names.) Mike could not recall any assignment given out on Saxe wherein he had suggested that I be contacted, and since our meeting was with Edith Tiger of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to discuss specifically the F.B.I. and their tactics, the situation was ripe for paranoia. I urged Mike to check out every reporter with the paper *first*, just to make sure we'd eliminated every prosaic possibility.

I received a call from Lyn Rosen, Feature Editor, the following day indicating that every reasonable alternative explanation to the F.B.I. *had* been checked out, and that the GCN intended some action against the F.B.I. in response. I mentioned, at that time, that I had examined your masthead in the hope I might recognize a name (the fabled reporter), and I hadn't recognized any. But, then, Mike's name doesn't appear on the masthead either. I suggested that the only name that rang the remotest bell in my mind was that of Allen Stewart. I never said that name was used. I

hoped perhaps the phonetics might give us a lead to some other reporter whose name also didn't appear on the masthead.

I suggested referring this incident to the reporter's union. I recalled that in the late '60s I had heard of some action taken by the press against the government misrepresenting itself (disguised as reporters) in order to gain access to political dissidents. (See *Press Freedoms Under Pressure*, The Twentieth Century Fund, New York, 1972, for numerous and varied documented instances of this.) Mrs. Buckley Bozell managed to get on top of me at Catholic University via a press pass. And the man who shot Joseph Colombo managed to get three bullets into *his* back by flashing press credentials. Press "passing" for nefarious purposes is not without a tradition.

As things turned out, my caller was a reporter for GCN. Since he was new, there were apparently some confusions over proper communications with the main office. I, of course, am relieved — not because I had said anything confidential to your reporter, but because I feared I had been taken in by the F.B.I. Since I am adamant about non-collaboration, this successful "trickery" was freaking me out.

I feel I've learned some valuable lessons from this — quite cheaply, as it turns out:

- (1) Do not agree to interviews with reporters you do not know. If the reporter is unknown to you, check with the publication he/she purports to represent before consenting to an interview.
 - (2) Do not be too hesitant to question individuals from other oppressed groups, for fear of being misinterpreted or hurtful. If they're okay, they'll appreciate your concern for security — which, after all, in the long run, affects us all.
 - (3) Do not panic over suspicious circumstances until every possibility has been methodically checked out. Even then, move with cool. When we set our sights on the F.B.I., we don't want to miss. The beast is crazy enough in its normal state.
- In struggle and support,
Ti-Grace Atkinson

(Eds. NOTE — Point of clarification — the reporter was not sent by GCN, he acted solely on his own impetus and we are taking steps to correct this.)

berkshire county

Dear GCN,

I was pleased to read A. Nolder Gay is from Berkshire County that I had to sit down and write to you. Although there is little or no real organization among gay people in the area, we are here and aware of our existence. At least five of us read my GCN each week.

Thanx to your information from Gay Legislation '75, we have pulled together enough to initiate a writing campaign. At least 25 people that I know of, have written to their state legislators in support of the gay rights bills. Several of our straight friends have also gotten involved with us on this issue.

On Gay Americans Day, I was interviewed on a local radio station, WGRG. Earlier that same week the general manager had already done an editorial in support of gay rights.

So you see, even though the organizations stop in Springfield, there are aware gay people who are alive and well out in the wilds of the Berkshire Hills.

love,
j. faye wolfe



Sea-horse (genus *Hippocampus*).

for teenagers: GAYRAP

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As many of you know it is very difficult to accept yourselves when you realize that you are a homosexual. Sometimes you become so upset that you would rather die than face reality. You do not know what to do or where to go. You often feel like an outcast. You may feel that everyone is against you but that it is not so. There are many people who are on our side. There are several organizations such as Project Lambda, Project Place and the Homophile Community Health Service

who are willing to help with what problems you may have.

You may be too scared to seek out the help you need. Don't be! No one is going to bite you. You can always use the telephone. Besides if you were talking to a person who is gay him/herself they would probably go out of their way to help because they know what it is like. They are all willing to talk things over with you.

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Hang in there
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Gay Pride in the Midwest

By Tommi Avicoli

IOWA CITY, Iowa — The second annual Midwest Gay Pride Conference was held here April 11 through 13. Some 500 people streamed into the University of Iowa's Union Building to register. Half of these were women.

There was much to do at the conference. There were many workshops, movies, organizing sessions for specific groups, dances, and many speakers. The speakers included Brian McKnight of the Detroit Dignity, Louis Crompton of the University of Nebraska, Tommi Avicoli of Radical Queens from Philadelphia and Rita Mae Brown, author of "Rubyfruit Jungle."

The conference opened on Friday

night with a keynote address, "The Sexual Politics of Manhood" by Tommi Avicoli. The speech covered several important areas: the characteristics of Masculinism, an analysis of masculinity and patriarchy; Effemophobia, the fear/dread of effeminacy. He also spoke on patriarchy and Christianity.

On Saturday Louis Crompton addressed the conference on "Gay Genocide: From Leviticus to Hitler." It proved to be an amazing and dynamic presentation. Especially enlightening was his section on the Nazis. He helped to clear up many of the myths surrounding the supposed involvement of gays in the Nazi regime.

Rita Mae Brown was more than what many expected. She was both dynamic and funny. Her speech opened with "I am assuming that most everyone in here is gay — but I want those few of you who aren't to know that you have my deepest sympathy." She spoke on how developing a gay art was essential to the revolution at hand; then she read from her book, "Rubyfruit Jungle." Hearing Rita Mae Brown read is a totally new experience. In her southern accent and quiet emulations of the characters, she is able to breathe life into words.

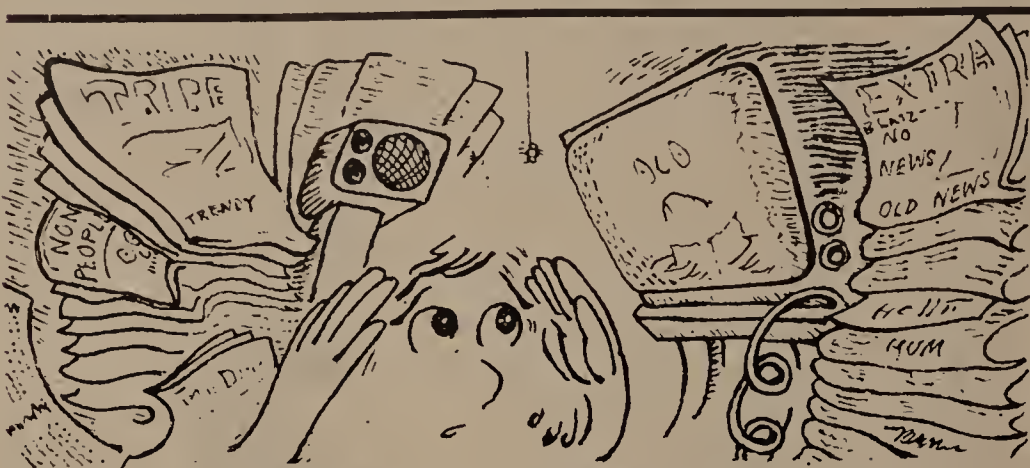
The movies shown during the conference included Andy Warhol's "Women In Revolt," "Three Lives" by Millet and Genet's "Un Chant D'Amor."

Two dances were held at the same time on Saturday night. One was a GLF dance open to everyone at the



conference; the second was a lesbian dance.

On Sunday, the conference opened with an MCC "Workshop Celebration." Discussions centered on the workshops that took place during the weekend and their effectiveness. The closing session was minus a lot of people who left early to get back to their respective towns. Afterwards, the movie "A Very Natural Thing" was given its Iowa premiere.



Did You See?

By Tony Caporaletti Jr.

Yes Massachusetts, She's Still Gay

"State Representative Elaine Noble denies a published report (*New Times*) that she was Warren Beatty's dinner date when the film star came to Boston to promote "Shampoo." "I didn't 'go out' with him," said Ms. Noble. "I do know him well. I'm one of the few people he can relax with. Neither one of us is buying or selling." Ms. Noble met Beatty through politics. Both are active Democrats. (*Boston Sunday Globe*, April 27, 1975)

Two Hushed Up Scandals

"Britain has lifted an 86-year-old blanket of secrecy on a sex scandal that reached into Buckingham Palace itself." Apparently Prince Albert Victor, the Duke of Clarence; Lord Arthur Somerset, attendant to Edward Prince of Wales; and other top officials and nobility at that time maintained a "homosexual brothel on Cleveland Street, staffed by post office messengers and patronized by those in the highest ranks of Victorian society." Of course, Prince Victor, the leader, was banished for life as part of the bargain to hush the scandal. (*Boston Globe*, March 12, 1975)

Brit Hume, writing in the *Boston Sunday Globe* "once wrote a story for Jack Anderson which said that then Vice President Agnew's 24-year-old son, Randy, had broken up with his wife and has been living for the past month with a male hairdresser in Baltimore. The implication was obvious — the V.P.'s son was gay. But the column contained no other evidence of this . . ." (*Boston Sunday Globe*, Brit Hume, April 27, 1975)

A View of The Advocate's Ownership

"For the past 13 months, *The Advocate*, self-styled 'Newspaper of the Gay Community,' has carried our little three-line ad, headed 'Nazi Anyone?' But in a recent letter to the NSL, the newspaper announced that it's cancelling our ad because of numerous complaints from those who found it 'offensive.' Recently purchased by a left-leaning San Francisco attorney, David Goodstein (!), *The Advocate*

now joins all the other hypocritical Jewish rags that demand total freedom of speech for any leftward group through the SLA and beyond, yet cannot permit noncommittal, three-line ads containing 'Nazi.' (*N.S. Mobilizer*, Official Publication of the National Socialist League — Gay Nazis)

The Alchemist of the Year

According to Ellen Goodman of the *Globe*, Susan Saxe deserves it. "It's absolutely fascinating to watch Susan Saxe transform a 1970 bank robbery into a 1975 radical lesbian feminist action," she says. Goodman calls Saxe, "the biggest ripoff since feminine hygiene sprays."

"Saxe is now dangerous to 'the sisters' she loves. She has tried to pull them in and to spread the responsibility over the gay community." Goodman's point basically is that the Saxe issue will hurt the gay community. "The support (sic. of the gay community) is understandable, though politically it is disastrously naive . . . It has always been difficult for lesbians, like Blacks or Jews, to reject one of their 'own' . . . in the end there is no more reason for a gay woman to identify with Saxe than there is for every heterosexual white male to rush down to Walpole and take up the cause of William Gilday." (Ellen Goodman, At Large, *The Boston Globe*)

Oops We Didn't Mean It:

"Danny Schechter said he had recommended the presence of a gay speaker at the rally, and according to the PBC (People's Bicentennial Commission) the absence of a gay speaker was due not to any philosophical or political differences but to internal communication problems." (*Real Paper*, Short Takes, April 30, 1975) A question to the BPC — Are gays not part of "People" in your Commission? [DID YOU SEE . . . ? welcomes your clippings from the straight media. If something enrages, informs, or sends you into the heights of intellectual orgasm, send it to us: c/o Box 1952, GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108]

Television Station Recognizes Gays

By Jay Deacon

HARTFORD — Representatives of the Connecticut Valley Gay Community met Wednesday, April 23, with Don Gold, general manager of station WFSB, the region's largest television station. The CBS affiliate, broadcasting on Channel 3, was purchased by the Post-Newsweek Organization a year ago and has since taken on a new look. The new format included a two part documentary on the gay community, broadcast two consecutive Saturday evenings in September 1974.

Gold promised a revised version of the documentary will be telecast in the same time slot the first two weekends in May. Gold assured the gay delega-

tion that the station will never discriminate on the basis of affectional preferences and that he considers it desirable that the station represent as many sections of the community as possible. He added that gay broadcasters have been among the most competent and talented associates he has had. Gold and his productions staff are working on developing a network of contacts with the gay community for consultation, program ideas and news.

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Vote on Mass. Bill H. 5868

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little in the way of actual testimony in support of this bill." Hogan, who made similar remarks during last year's debate, then proceeded to quote from an article in the *Boston Herald American* about the two Bay Village bars, Jacques and The Other Side, and said that he did not want "men dressed as women in the men's room while I am doing my duty."

"In my district," Hogan said in reply to Landry's remarks, "it would be more than a little ribbing." If Hogan is sensitive to his constituency, then it was not reflected during the 1974 elections, when Hogan came within 100 votes of losing to a member of the Everett City Council.

Rep. Frank Speaks

"The sanctity of your bathroom is not threatened with this bill," said Rep. Barney Frank (D-Boston), in his reply to Hogan: Hogan and Frank then got into a twenty-minute-long argument on the floor of the House over what the legislation actually is. Hogan insisted that "there is no discrimination."

Rep. Richard E. Kendall (D-Falmouth) then took the floor to say that "The issue is whether we should have discriminatory practices. I say no!"

Rep. William G. Robinson (R-Melrose), the assistant House minority leader, said, "This legislation is necessary. Passing it would say that we are opposed to a violation of any civil rights."

Blacks Debate

Another member of the New Bedford delegation, Democratic Rep. Thomas D. Lopes, said that the bill would set a bad precedent, and that

"we cannot afford to carry the issue of civil rights this far."

Rep. Melvin H. King (D-South End), took issue with Lopes. King, a sponsor of the bill and Advisory Board member of Otherfund, insisted that



Rep. Hogan

"People have a right to be judged equally."

The King-Lopes debate is a personification of the split between Lopes and the other Black members of the House. The Black Caucus has taken unified stands in support of gay rights, abortion rights, and against the death penalty, and Lopes has broken ranks with his fellow Blacks on each occasion.

House Speaker David M. Bartley then entered the House, and made it clear that he wanted a roll call on the bill taken. Five minutes later, the tally was in, and the bill passed, 129-96. Bartley's vote in support of it is considered the main reason for its passage.

Thursday, however, when the bill came before the House again for its required third reading, Rep. Charles W. Long (R-Dover) threw a wrench into its progress by offering an amendment to delete Section 2 of the bill, which prohibits any state agency from firing a person on the grounds of

sexual orientation (unless the person's sexuality is related to unsatisfactory job performance).

Long's motion to delete Section 2 was hotly debated in the House for more than an hour. Hogan rose again and again to debate with Frank over what the need for the legislation is, while Noble got a chance to see prejudice in action. Long, in making his motion, said that the bill was too restrictive on the employing agency.

Rep. William A. Connell (D-Weymouth) said that the bill "would give these people the right to recruit! These people are predatory!" Connell said. "These lesbians, faggots and queers are after your sons and daughters!"

Connell was interrupted by Robinson, who claimed his remarks were defamatory and improper, and Speaker Bartley reminded Connell to watch his words.

Lopes again took the floor to remind the House that "these people are like the emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded. They should not be given such rights. This bill would water down civil rights for all of us."

Rep. Francis W. Hatch (R-Beverly), the House Republican Floor Leader, Rep. Doris Bunte (D-Roxbury), and Landry each took the floor to support the bill.

King rose again to push for the bill, rejecting in entirety Lopes's argument about the limits of constitutional rights. (After the debate, King was observed leaving the House chamber in a state of rage.)

Rep. Richard F. Finnigan (D-Dorchester), who had originally voted in support of the bill on Tuesday, said that he was going to vote to weaken the bill, because Noble and the Black Caucus voted against other Boston legislators with their bill to open the state's METCO program up to white and Spanish students.

The Long amendment was accepted

on a 102-113 roll call vote. Five of the fifteen who had previously supported the gay bill were from Boston.

Landry immediately took the floor to urge the House reconsider what it had just done, and Landry's motion to reconsider is the first order of business on Monday, May 5. At that time, the legislators will be under heavy pressure from Speaker Bartley to rescind their approval of Long's amendment, and to pass H.5868 and send it to the Senate.

Kentucky Bail

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ever, a nun said that they should all be locked up. He reports that there is a daily picket line that receives considerable support, but that there have been incidents. Basically, he said, the press had made good sense of the happenings and it was his feeling that the FBI has lost its credibility in the town.

The fight is not over. The prosecuting attorney can prevent the court from setting bail for 21 days, so that the four women may not be released for a while yet. Also, the lower court still has to determine if there has been a misuse of the grand jury. That means that the people could conceivably be called back to testify and be put in jail all over again. And even if the courts determine that this was an abuse of the grand jury in Lexington the effect of that ruling on the cases of the Connecticut women or people called before the grand juries in the future is not known. A source from the office of Michael Avery, attorney for Ellen Grusse and Terry Turgeon in New Haven, Conn., said that the ruling may not affect the outcome of their fight. However, she said that if it is determined that grand juries are in actuality collecting evidence that may be used against Susan Saxe in court, the grand juries may be stopped until her trial is over.

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Working With Representative Noble

By LINDA LACHMAN

"This job has no beginning and no end; it's just a matter of when I want to start and stop. If I wanted to work from 7 am to midnite every day, the work would still be there."

I work as an aide to Representative Elaine Noble. Along with several other people, we try to keep her office as coordinated and smoothly running as we can under the circumstances. The "circumstances" are a day to day unpredictability of what's going to be

up for an appointment why Elaine is not in the office. Most people, I must admit, are pretty understanding of the situation, but few people just have bad images of legislators, or have had bad experiences with other representatives and think they're being given the run-around, which is definitely not true in Elaine's case. After all, her first responsibility is to do the job the people elected her to do, and that's to be in the chambers voting on matters of the Commonwealth.

Elaine's staff consists of several

"it's really encouraging to hear people slowly, and sometimes, grudgingly, change their minds about 'those people' "

happening and what we'll be called on to do. I don't mean that the entire job structure is unpredictable, but many of the day to day things with which we deal are not in our control, or Elaine's for that matter. I can set up appointments for her for an afternoon and have them completely shattered by sudden roll calls or emergency caucus meetings. Unfortunately, legislative matters can't be planned months or even weeks in advance like appointments. And roll calls on the floor are even less foreseeable. We get ten minutes advance notice for those at the most, and sometimes as little as one or two minutes!

Of course, then I have to work out schedule rearrangements or do my best to try to explain to the person showing

other people other than myself. Linda Ray, a pre-law student at the University of Massachusetts, came to the office on a work/study program and has been in charge of doing research on specific legislative issues. She prepares fact sheets and briefs from a variety of sources — the State Legislative Research Bureau which has a computer compilation of all the past legislation ever filed, whether it was enacted into law or not; the State House Library which has all the laws of the Commonwealth; other libraries and research offices of other departments of the state and various independent agencies that represent interest groups in different fields; and any other sources she can find from which to get information.



Candy does the public relations.

Candy Frank is a student at Emerson College and is doing course credit work. She comes in several days a week and has been in charge of doing P.R. work, such as sending out information and photographs of Elaine prior to speaking engagements. Candy, also, helps me with correspondence and the telephone, and keeps the spirits of the office up with her sense of humor.

Several other students on intern programs come in a few hours one day a week and various volunteers from the community come in to help, too, when they have the time.

Basically, it's my job to coordinate all the activities of the staff, since I'm the only one who is in the office full

pick up the various daily legislative bulletins to see what hearings are coming up and what bills will be coming to the floor, and look over the appointment book so I know what's ahead for the day as far as can be predicted. Elaine usually has appointments in the district or early meetings in the morning and gets in between 10:00 and 11:00 before the opening agenda session of the House. We go over what has to be done during the day and then she's off and running to hearings, meetings, the session or to other politicking that needs to be done.

The demands on Elaine's time never ceases to amaze me. She often has people requesting her to be at three or

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time all week long, and to let Elaine know what they're doing. Unfortunately, with summer approaching and school ending, most of these good people will be leaving, and though we do have a couple of new people who will be coming in to work in the summer, it will be really sad to see them go.

I usually get in to the office about 8:45 and start preparing for the day ahead. The "office" consists of a desk and a telephone in a very large room with the desks of all the other representatives on the Education Committee, five secretaries and four committee staff members. I stop at the documents room on my way in and

four meetings at the same time, sometimes two and three times a day. She almost always has appointments and meetings all evening long every evening, sometimes until midnight. Once in a while, when it's possible, one of the staff members will go to a meeting or hearing or discussion for her to represent her, or offer information if they've researched the subject, or simply take notes and pass the information along to Elaine.

At various times during the day she gets back to the office or calls up from the chambers to check on phone messages and appointments, or with more instructions for work for the staff. When all of us are in the office,



Linda Lachman says she could work 'til midnight.

or, actually, at the desk, at the same time it gets pretty crowded, but we each have our corner and have learned to work well with each other, and with the people around us.

We're fortunate to be in a committee room which has some really tremendous people — both legislators and staff — and in between the hard working times are lighter, good natured moments. It's not like some offices where no one says hello, good-bye, good morning or anything; we all kid around and tease and also often help each other out when we can. Beth Buckley, an aide for Representative Mel King, whose desk is right across from Elaine's, has been working as an aide since last fall and really knows her way around. She gives us helpful information. Mike Scully, another of Rep. King's aides who works on Natural Resources research, keeps Elaine posted, too, on all his ecology and environmental issues. And, of course, Rep. King, whose district borders Elaine's, is always great about helping us out.

Most of the hard work of the day involves correspondence and telephone calls which both come in voluminous numbers. Elaine usually receives anywhere from 30 to 50 pieces of mail a day including anything from newsletters and publications on various legislative issues, to letters from across the country commenting on an appearance she may have made on TV or an article about her in some publication, to people asking her to vote for or against a certain bill, to those who wish to "save her soul" or "send her to hell;" or other such wonderful platitudes.



Linda and Candy share the desk in the Education Committee room.

The support from gay people has been really great, though, and more than equals the number of condemning hate letters she gets. We try to answer every single letter that comes in.

We, also, try to respond or follow up on every phone call, unless it's someone calling to say, "She shouldn't be allowed in the legislature and I wouldn't want to sit next to her if she were assigned the seat beside me", or asking her "to divert the path of

airplanes going over (their) house on Huntington Avenue."

Elaine has earned respect in her short time as an official on Beacon Hill, and it's really encouraging to hear people slowly and, sometimes, grudgingly, change their minds about "those people". For example, one representative told Mike Scully, "She really hasn't turned out to be at all what we were expecting; she's really a good person", or the committee staff mem-

ber who said to me, "She's number one with this committee; we really think she's just dynamite", or the representative who said, "The best you can say for any representative here is that they're on their toes and do their homework; Elaine certainly fits that description." It's comments like those that make the job, even listening to negative comments, well worth it.

Jiminy Cricket: New Gay Hero

By JIMINY CRICKET

In a recent film on minority dissension and non-violent revolt, the following anecdote was used to show the value of non-violent dissension:

Once upon a time, the lion, the greatest of animals and king of the jungle, came across a cricket in the grass, who also claimed the throne of the kingdom because he could make the loudest noise proportionate to his size. The lion was outraged at this small insect who claimed to be all powerful, and roared and stamped and bellowed his anger. The cricket offered him a challenge, a duel on any grounds the lion wished. The lion angrily

accepted the terms, and proposed that "here and now" was as good as any place, any time, whereupon the cricket jumped into the lion's ear and burrowed deep inside and began to tickle the lion. This infuriated the lion, who began to dig and claw at his ear, scratching and gouging with his claws, but he was unable to dislodge the cricket. The cricket, meanwhile, with his legs crossed and his arms bent lazily behind his head, went on tickling the lion from inside. The lion, feeling something warm and fluid on his paw, was getting weaker and weaker. But he scratched on. And on. And finally was too weak to move. The cricket merely

tickled on and on . . ."

This story seemed to me to tell more than the story of a racial minority movement, but to me indicated much of the gay liberation movement and seemed to offer a special kind of "hero" to emulate. First, we can identify with size, as the cricket is a small but visible insect. The cricket is covered with a protective shell, as many of us have had to develop towards those who continue to persecute us for our way of life. As the cricket grows (and as we "come out" in our own self-understanding), the cricket sheds his shell for a newer, larger, and softer shell. Unfortunately, as our society

forces ours to at times, this shell also hardens and is in time shed again. So we as a movement and as individuals become larger and stronger respectively. Another parallel can be drawn from the fact that often the cricket's happy sounds can be heard, yet the source of the sound can seldom be found. So, too, I believe, can we best be heard — by non-violent and at times by prudent voicing of opinions from behind our own personal "armor" helping to educate those around us of our persuasions and rights. For instance, I will willingly visit my representatives and write articles under a pseudonym but as an outspoken voice; yet few of my associates (versus "friends") know that I am gay. I speak to them in general terms — countering anti-homophobic jokes, speaking out in favor for gay rights, even describing to some how my gay friends lead perfectly normal and respectable lives in respected careers, etc. Yet I have protected my own identity and have provided them with non-threatening, positive material for their own edification. Thus, I find, many of these persons later come to accept my gayhood without any friction or fright. The most important part of our movement, I feel, is that we not threaten by force, but provide assurance that coexistence is indeed possible and that we only ask to be accepted as individuals first, not as "men," "women" or "gays."

To go back to our friend Jiminy, as Walt named the cricket, it has a long history of respect. The orientals see the cricket as lucky; Disney sees a personified conscience. Either of these I find a truly happy character to identify with.

To conclude then, remember that the smallest voice, placed in the right place, can still be heard and sometimes heard best. Long Live the Cricket!



DAKE COOPER

By JANET COOPER

A JEWISH GAY'S REFLECTION ON AUSCHWITZ

For me, to be a Gay is as dangerous as being a Jew.

I was born in 1942 of parents who were more committed to upward mobility than they were to their Jewish identity. To pass as Gentile, they brought me up as Episcopalian. They so identified with the *goyische status quo* and were so ashamed of their own Jewish heritage that they raised me ignorant of it. I first found out that I was a Jew when I was thirteen! My parents had raised me to hate myself. This discovery radically changed my perception of myself. For the first time I identified myself as a member of a group that other human beings wanted to persecute and to exterminate for no other reason than that we existed, and I understood that other human beings would exterminate me as easily and with as little regret. But my Jewish blood is not the only reason other human beings would persecute me; I am also a lesbian.

I attended the *Conference on Auschwitz: Beginning of a New Era*, sponsored by the Episcopal Church at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in June, 1974, and it was a cathartic experience for me in renewing my sense of being a member of a group that other human beings persecute just because we are what we are: Jewish. Both the audience and the participants had sat through several days of personal anguish listening to testimony of survivors from the camps. I became angry at the Conference sponsors because they had not represented all the other groups that the Nazis had systematically exterminated: The gays, the gypsies, the Seventh Day Adventists, the Jehovah Witnesses, the socialists, the communists. I especially resented the lack of concern at this Conference for the people whom the Nazis had exterminated specifically because they were gay. I introduced myself as a Jewish Gay to some members on the podium and said that I wished to address the audience. By this time, the end of the Conference, so much personal testimony about the conditions and treatment of people in the camps had anaesthetized the panel members, and they were numb. I became angry that the Episcopal and Jewish representatives on the podium would not hear me and refused me a chance to speak.

My experience at the Conference typifies the reaction of too many Jews to homosexuality. Not even now can most heterosexual Jews feel any kinship with gays the Nazis killed in the concentration camps. Even the sophisticated urban Jew perceives our existence as gays as repulsive. Not even now can the straight establishment Jew see that he is supporting a political, economic, social system, and culture which violates the civil liberties of gays and that does physical violence to gay women and men as arbitrarily as the Nazis hauled Jews off to concentration camps. There was a silence at the Auschwitz Conference about gay extermination... even as there was silence and covert political pressure from elements of this same Jewish community to defeat the civil rights bill for Gay Rights in New York. Indeed, several rabbis especially pressured the New York City Councilmen so that the Gay Civil Rights Bill did not pass. To paraphrase Elie Wiesel, if the concept of Creation, enjoying the gift of life, is to have meaning, then both Jews and Gays must give meaning to Creation by understanding each other and break the silence that has existed too long.

Jews have six million martyrs and cherish their memory by considering

them all kedoshim, sainted ones, holy martyrs. (Regardless of one's previous merits, if one person kills another because the other is a Jew, then the Jew automatically achieves this holy position.) There is an integral part of Jewish ritual that prescribes a period honoring and gaining strength from the memory of such martyrs. Jews remember the kedoshim and honor them on such holy days as Yom Kippur, when the Romans persecuted Jews, and on the ninth of Ab, which commemorates the destruction of the temples. Jewish ritual carefully structures and organizes our feelings of loss and mourning about the kedoshim as a reinforcement of our heritage, identity, and spiritual and psychic strength, lest we Jews forget past persecutions and forget that such persecutions might happen again.

Jews do not see the parallel between their history of oppression and the oppression of gays. As the cultures that Jews have lived in tried to deny them their history, so our culture denies gays their history; as our culture denies us knowledge of gay martyrs; as our culture tries to deny gay identity. But we do have our martyrs. From the auto-de-Fe (the Inquisition's burning of the gays at the stake during the Middle Ages), to Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, and the psychic and physical violence of today in America. As the bigoted hostile culture of the Iberian peninsula forced Jewish Marranos into hiding, so does our contemporary American culture force our Crypto-gays into concealment. We gays have an identity, but we know little about it.

The Nazis fully intended to apply the final solution to gays as well as to Jews. First, the attack on cultural institutions. For example, the Nazis burned the library of the Homosexual Rights Movement, of many thousands of volumes and nearly a century old on May 6, 1933 — the first library of any

sort the Nazis destroyed. Then, the Nazis herded gays into the various concentration camps and forced them to wear the pink triangle, and finally, systematically annihilated them. Even after people had endured the suffering, deprivation, and pain together with gays in the camps, these same people omit mentioning gays which further adds to our anguish and to further omission. Only now, thirty years afterward, are scholars doing research on the numbers of gays the Nazis killed specifically as gays, and estimates by scholars range from many tens of thousands upwards.

For the past four years I have earned my living as a professor in an anti-Semitic town of 8,000 with fifty-two fundamentalist churches. Town graffiti include: "I have nothing against niggers/everyone should own one." "Flush twice/the niggers are hungry." The latter inscription can be found in the college library. There are swastikas. There is little conflict between town and gown. A number of local residents would just as soon beat, rape, harass a "sissy" as look at one. As the only open gay activist within one hundred miles, almost everyone shunned me. My Jewish colleagues, appreciating the fact that the local college had not hired or given tenure to Jews at this college until a few years ago, were uncomfortable lest their Gentile colleagues see me with them. They feared that, because I am an open lesbian as well as a Jew, I would be responsible for one more surfacing of the heavy undercurrent of anti-Semitism in the community.

Approximately ninety percent of my students at this school do not know the word *genocide* nor do they have any concept of its meaning. The local inhabitants are tenth-generation mittel-European immigrants. These people have so assimilated American culture that they no longer know their ancestors' language, musical, and literary heritage. The one thing that has remained as part of their cultural inheritance is anti-Semitism.

One of my students presented a report on the anthology of pieces children wrote awaiting their death in a concentration camp, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*. After she finished, I asked my class of elementary education majors how many of them would put the book on school library shelves. No one raised her hand. I asked my class why. "It's too real." "It's irrelevant." "It happened thirty years ago. It doesn't concern us." "Ms. Cooper. In our education classes, our professors taught us to present both sides of an issue. You have not presented the Nazi side: the Nazis justified themselves in exterminating all the Jews because they said some Jews were responsible for Germany's signing of a dishonorable peace treaty after World War I." When I asked my student where she got that piece of information, she smiled and said, "From my history teacher." That history teacher has tenure. I, as an open gay activist (who is also Jewish) at that college, did not get tenure. In places such as this, the truth about Auschwitz will not set the people free. Places such as this will declare the truth obscene. I have known days of great despair and depression in this town. Yet I also know they seem like Simchat-Torah, Day of Joy, in comparison to what I might have experienced in Europe.

What disturbs me most about my experience facing both anti-Semitism

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Bringing Artists Back From the Grave

By JOHN MITZEL

Death is an artist's severest critic. The work of many writers, for example, never survives the appearance of the obituary notice. Sadly, the plays of Joe Orton seem to be as forgotten as is the memory of his brief life.

In August, 1967, Kenneth Halliwell, Orton's best friend, lover and roommate bludgeoned Orton to death with a hammer while he was sleeping. Halliwell then killed himself with an overdose of drugs. Orton was 34, and his reputation as a playwright was still drawing new attention.

Orton had an English working-class background. A stint at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts followed conventional schooling. He wrote novels and plays. In his early 20's he was convicted and sent to prison for 6 months. His crime? Defacing public library books. As he told an interviewer in *The Transatlantic Review*: "I did things like pasting a picture of a female nude over a book of etiquette, over the picture of the author who, I think, was Lady Lewisham . . ." He rewrote book blurbs and altered captions. "There was a biography of Sybil Thorndike in which there was a picture of her locked up in a cell as Nurse Edith Cavell. I cut the caption from another picture, so that it read: 'During the war I received many strange requests.'"

Orton's first staged play was "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" which London critics voted best play of 1964. The play was brought to New York but didn't last long on Broadway. A delightfully funny movie, however, was made of it with Harry Andrews and Beryl Reid (of "Sister George" fame). "What I wanted to do in 'Sloane' was to break down all the sexual compartments people have."

"Loot" was his next play. A smash hit in London, it lasted only 23 performances in New York. The failure of both of Orton's plays on Broadway indicates that his raucous humor may have been a wee bit too biting and offensive for New York's formula-conditioned audiences. "Loot" was also made into a film. Orton's last play, "What The Butler Saw," had a posthumous U.S. production in 1970.

Joe Orton was among the small group of playwrights whose work electrified British theatre in the mid-'60s and made it foremost in the world. Orton possessed the very gay gift of exploring the most serious subjects through potent social satire. In

"Sloane" he ravages sexual pretense, the cult of Romance, and social hypocrisy. In "What The Butler Saw," he goes after the psychiatric establishment and its cozy relation with the power of the State.

All of these plays attack the process of stigmatization, that is, the labels of "Queer," "criminal," and "sick." Orton gives no quarter; he deals in outrageous truths presented to the audience with no hint of delicacy. Orton reveals that things are often the opposite of what they seem to be in conventional society. "Entertaining" Mr. Sloane turns out to be nothing less than coercion and blackmail. In "Loot" the Nurse turns out to be a murderer, the cop a crook, and one of the thieves a likeable and rather honest chap. The respectability and orderliness of a psychiatrist's clinic in "Butler" is only "organized" madness, and "therapy" just one more State-programmed mode of behavior control. Orton's portrayal of hypocrisy is not merely amusing. Conventional audiences have long tolerated light-hearted pokes at their faults. There's nothing *cute* about Orton's hypocrites. They're gross and relentless in their pursuit of one-up-manship over other people; and they deal in the dirtiest kind of power there is — getting "goods" on everybody else.

Orton acknowledged that he was influenced by the classic English-language satirists: Lewis Carroll, Oscar Wilde, and Ronald Firbank. His work demonstrates that, as with these masters, satire can be a most effective and enduring and merciless social criticism. Even though he kept his audiences laughing, his inspiration was rooted in his deep animosity for the conventional expectations and double standards of the respectable bourgeoisie. He utilized humor as all great satirists do, and especially gay ones, to undermine the seriousness and power of those who set themselves up as Social Authorities (and thereby try to control others' lives).

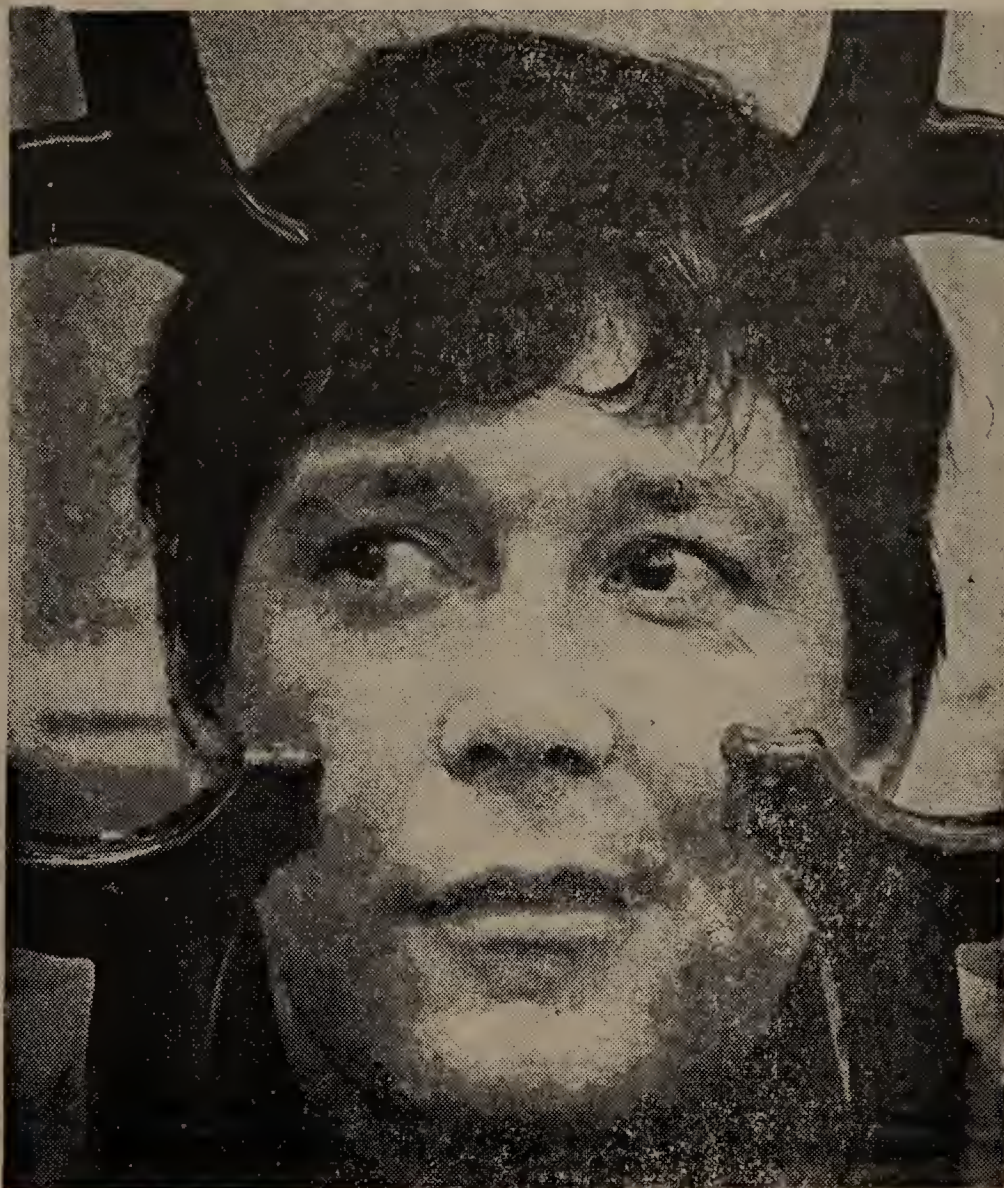
The flash of Orton's success — hit playwright, TV-talk show celebrity, cocktail parties — caught him up. His lover, Halliwell, was himself a playwright and painter, and he felt himself getting lost and left behind. Joe went away for a weekend without him, and upon his return, Halliwell committed his vile murder-suicide, thus depriving our generation of one of its most brilliant and gay dramatists. One more gay voice was snuffed out, as have been many before it, this time at the

hands of the lover.

Orton was once asked what he would ultimately like to achieve in his art, and in responding he revealed a dedication to the great line of inspiration in which his was the brightest and wittiest talent

in our time; he said: "I'd like to write a play as good as 'The Importance of Being Earnest'."

(Joe Orton's plays are available at Baker's Plays, 100 Chauncey Street, Boston.)



The late Joe Orton

JEW

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and anti-gay feeling is how mutually exclusive and isolate both Jews and gays feel toward each other. My gay students incorporate all the local prejudices against Jews and the Jews have all the prejudices, characteristic of our culture, against gays. Neither group sees the inhumanity that is common to both prejudices. Cultural xenophobia between Jews and Gays continues into each generation instead of mutual commitment to eliminate all bigoted behavior.

In explaining to my students what it means to live with the need to hide, to live with denial of self, to live with the

fear of discovery, I reminded them of the time the Nazis marched into Denmark and demanded that all the Jews wear the Yellow Star of David so that the Nazis could more easily exterminate them — of how the King of Denmark was the first to wear the Yellow Star and the rest of the country followed. I challenged my students to wear gay buttons for twenty-four hours without denying that they are gay. None of them did.

What about the present? The Talmud says that if you cause someone to blush, it is as if you murdered that person because you caused their blood

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Browsing on Bromfield in Boston

By TOMMYLES

For the past six or so months, things have been happening in the upper floors at 30 Bromfield Street in Boston. That address is the home of the new HCHS Bookstore, Other Voices, but other businesses have settled there as well.

A visit to Skylight, the jewelry store, is in order on your way to Other Voices. It is on the second floor facing the stairs. A young man named Spencer told me that he and some friends got together last October and decided to open a shop where they could sell exclusively the jewelry they make. On display are rings, necklaces and other original articles. Skylight has a policy of inviting creative craftspeople to contribute. So they also sell home-made dresses, pottery, funny animals, and they usually have an art show going in the shop. Right now you can see the work of Allegra Printz, whose artwork (paintings) is based on satellite pictures. Skylight boasts an excellent working relationship with the other businesses at 30 Bromfield St. When asked if they carried gay-oriented jewelry articles, Spencer said such a line of lambda necklaces or whatever would be exploitation of the gay community rather than the creative, original work he wants to do. They will do special orders, however, and they stress that they are looking for other craftspeople to show — gay or straight.

Across the hall from Skylight is the Bromfield Gallery. Presently on exhibit are paintings of Joan Benotti. Only ten paintings are on display, and prices range from \$100 to \$700.

Like Skylight, Bromfield Gallery is a collective undertaking. A group of artists, ten men and seven women, got together and decided to rent commercial space where each could, in turn, show his or her work. The shows change about every three weeks. Each

of the seventeen artists also takes a turn of four hours per week as shopkeeper.

I asked if any of the artists involved were gay. The man who happened to



Claire Shanahan at her desk in Other Voices.

Skillful fingers create the original jewelry at Skylight. (top right)

the doorway to art.

be in the gallery at the time wasn't sure, because the artists do not all know each other, oddly enough. Almost all have studios at either 36 Bromfield St. or 22 Bromfield St. The artists do not remember whose idea it was to set up their own gallery, but the idea has worked out. They have sold many of their paintings.

On the third floor is Other Voices Bookstore, managed by Claire Shanahan. The bookstore doesn't carry very many titles for a number of reasons. Claire explained that it is not easy to be

a gay bookstore. Publishers who will put out gay publications are usually small, which means the bookstore must deal with a long list of publishers. Ms. Shanahan does all of the clerical work



herself, and she finds her workload enormous.

Because of the extensive clerical work involved, Other Voices is unable at the present time to order any book a customer might come in and ask for. But whenever someone asks for something not currently on the shelves, they take note. If enough people ask (and four or five is enough), they will order the book. The specialty here is newspapers — gay newspapers from just about everywhere. They also sell a variety of buttons (such as the Rhino

button) and home-embroidered patches with different gay symbols on them. Shanahan says the store so far has been successful because there is nothing like it in Boston.

The store has a policy of sending books and publications free to prisons, which is often difficult. Material going to prisoners usually has to be approved, which means red tape for gay material. Ms. Shanahan reports that Walpole Institution is particularly uncooperative, for instance. The store donates all of its profit from the following publications to its books for prisoners program: *Big Mama Rag*, *Gay Scene*, *The Way*, and *The Advocate*.

Other Voices has art exhibits, too. Right now, you can see paintings by Margaret Foster and photography by Pamela Blevins. Blevins' colorful work concentrates on capturing human moods and expressions. Also, Linda Peer is showing her fine caricatures in stark black and white of gay heroes: Colette, Genet, Baldwin, and Stein.

The bookstore is also a coffee shop, so that browsers may have a cup and some good conversation. Ms. Shanahan hopes to add a card-reader, a gay reader to tell gay fortunes for the edification and entertainment of coffee drinkers.

Other Voices is a good place to visit and spend some time. It is open and airy. You can sit down on the floor and read awhile and not be in anyone's way. Bookstores around the city are too much like supermarkets: small aisles in rows and a check-out counter at the front. You pay and they put your purchase in a bag. Buying a book is personal, spiritual. A reader begins a relationship with a book by perusing it at leisure before buying. It shouldn't be like running to the supermarket for a can of tuna fish. Thankfully, at Other Voices, it isn't.

OBITUARY

By Tom Reeves

About a week ago this community lost a very helpful friend. Dick Bavely was a social work supervisor within the Department of Welfare. In his work as in his life Dick believed in and sought after genuine fairness. He did not believe that welfare or social justice should be reserved for those who had the official brand of bureaucratic approval.

Until his untimely and tragic death, Dick was especially helpful to homosexuals and to the adolescents who live in the streets. Dick found over the years that such teenagers are often helped first and most by homosexuals. The street kids sometimes hustle. Their customers and would-be customers sometimes take advantage of them. Dick was usually around to help as a protector when necessary. But the customers are not always demonic ogres. At times sex is not involved, merely affection and security.

At least six times I referred teenagers to him. Every one of them was helped to cut red tape and find a good situation. When Kenny and I needed

some help, we went to Dick. He observed all the proper rules for deciding our "case," as foster father and son. We were visited by another social worker; Kenny was diagnosed by a psychiatrist; Dick visited our home to see that it was a good place for Kenny; we had a family conference including Dick and the psychiatrist.

We did not know Dick Bavely well. In fact we knew him only as a "social worker." We have no reason to believe he was gay. Dick's style was not at all like mine. Some might have called him "macho" or at least very straight. But his acts spoke loudly. His life was a challenge to the bureaucracy, the byzantine system that is our welfare state. He said, in effect, "People come first." That kind of consistent courage is what may some day break the system altogether. Let us hope so.

Now there is no Dick Bavely to whom we can refer teenagers or gay would-be parents. Project Lambda may greatly enlarge the scope of such work. If it does it will be part of Dick Bavely's legacy.

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The View from the Closet



By A. NOLDER GAY

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Somewhat to the presumptive distress of the six or seven GCN readers making up the shadow organization known as the Fans of A. Nolder Gay (a.k.a. FANG), this column marks a halt in the series of pieces appearing regularly under this by-line since our thirteenth issue. The explanation is simple: end-of-academic-year fatigue. I have therefore asked for a leave of absence in order to rest and to complete some other writing too long deferred, free of the pressure of bi-monthly deadlines.

I write these lines at a time when we have recently seen the disbandment of our oldest local gay organization, the Homophile Union of Boston, and when across the nation people are beginning to ask whether the gay movement itself is not dead or dying. William H. DuBay, a veteran of the liberationist wars of the sixties and early seventies, addressed himself to this question in the *Advocate* last January. In a brief but cogent essay, he traced the changes in mood and styles

from the headier days of radical activism to the newer forms of practical local action, community identity-forming, and specialized service organizations and centers whose counterparts we now see emerging all over New England. "If gay liberation is to be something more than a political fad," DuBay argued, "then we have to concern ourselves with the substance of people's private lives, how they regard their sexuality, their friends, their lovers, their families."

Unlike most writers on the GCN features staff, I have no specially defined area of competence. I have been encouraged by four successive Features Editors to wander pretty much as the spirit moves. These commentaries have therefore reflected a developing perspective of gay liberation, both in its serious and its lighter aspects, as it has been experienced in the private world of one older gay human being (male). Despite their variety of subject, most of them have been concerned with the world of our

feelings, thoughts and motivations rather than with the more public aspects of gay activism as usually conceived.

Some of you, of course, have disagreed with what I have had to say on specific matters or with my general perspective, as is your undoubted right. Yet I have also been cheered by scattered evidence that at least some of the thousands of words which have soared or stumbled across this space have spoken encouragingly and meaningfully to the hearts and minds of people unknown to me personally. I was both gratified and humbled, for example, when a short time ago I met a Boston therapist who told me that from time to time his gay clients have mentioned something I've written which has been supportive for them.

In a lighter vein, as a guest at the Randolph Country Club one night last summer, I was pleasantly surprised to find that some unknown friend had posted a copy of my "Credo" column on the bulletin board. I've met a number of you in gay activities or social events, including a climb to the top of the Pilgrim Monument earlier this Spring. I've even met a person who told me that he had already met someone else claiming to be A. Nolder Gay (than which there can be no sincerer form of flattery, I'm sure).

What can I say to all of you, the readers of these discursive essays, but thanks, and thanks again? Like Candide, I need to cultivate my garden for a while. Be assured, however, that I shall write on (pun intended). And some time this summer as you open your GCN you will again find A. Nolder Gay inside it, just as surely as when you meet a Russian wolfhound on Beacon Hill you find a fag at the other end of the leash. Until then . . . ciao!

DAKE COOPER
By JANET COOPER

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to run and to rise. How much guilt and remorse does the straight community have for the blush when we have to deny who we are, hiding in jobs, hiding from our families? How much guilt and remorse does this same community feel when it denies us and isolates us from our children, when it subjects us to police violence, when it gives us electric shock therapy, when it subjects us to lobotomies, incarcerates us in prisons and mental hospitals, drives us to drink and drugs, strips us of our humanity. In short, what shame does the straight community feel about the physical and psychic violence for which they are responsible and to which they subject us every day, as if what happened at Auschwitz had not stopped at all but had gone subtly underground.

The spirit of the Warsaw Ghetto inspires us gays to courage and determination so that no one will silence us. The spirit of the Warsaw Ghetto lives on in the spirit of the Stonewall for those of us who have come out of the closets, and for those of us about to come out. And especially for those of us who must silently but with dignity continue to hide and to deny what we are because of the fear of the consequences when our straight family, colleagues, and friends find out that we are gay.

The kind of courage it took to stand up in the Warsaw Ghetto and offer resistance is the kind of courage it takes to be gay in our society. As long as this same society remains silent about the psychic and physical violence which this society does to gays every day, we gays are all martyrs and we are all kedoshim.

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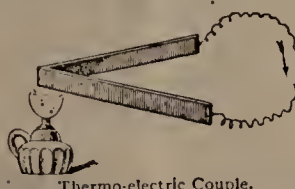


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pen pals



My name is Robert Gamaza, Box 43391, C.T.F., North Soledad, Calif. 93960. I am 23 yrs., and this loneliness and lack of contact with the outside world is really unbearable. Hopefully there will be someone kind enough to correspond with me so that it will help me associate with the everyday occurrences of freedom.

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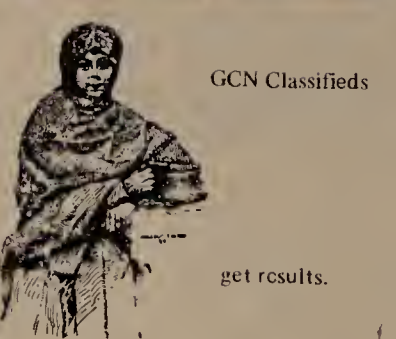
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Waltham, Ma. 02154
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Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Media Action Advertising 783-1627
Gay Nurses Alliance 232-6323
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900x2396
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Gay Way Radio (WBUR, 90.9 FM) 353-2790
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Cambridge 547-2302
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PO Box 262, Fitchburg 01420
MCC/Worcester 756-073C
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Provincetown Homophile Assistance
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Center, N. Dartmouth 02747
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Pawtucket 02861
Gay Women of Providence 831-5184
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Service (Providence) 274-4737
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Center, U. of Vermont,
Burlington 05401 658-3830
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Organization, PO Box 501,
Plainfield 05667 454-7174
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Women's Switchboard 862-5504
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Gay Alliance/Yale,
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Hartford 522-2646
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575, 523-9837
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Gay Archives, 1 Gold St.,
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Gay Women's Rap Group 772-6636
Seacoast Area Gay Alliance,
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and Action, c/o Bangor Tenants' Union,
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Coming... May 5 thru 31

5 mon

Two Films, "Chant d'Amour" by Jean Genet, and "Montreal Main" by Frank Vittale, will be shown at 7:30 in Schwartz Auditorium, Brandeis University. Sponsored by BAGEL.

6 tues

Otherfilms presents "Sunday Bloody Sunday" and "Fortune and Men's Eyes." These two films are the initial offering in Otherway '75's film series. Showing at Symphony I, 252 Huntington Ave., Boston. Continuous showings from 1 pm. \$2.00 admission. For more information call 426-0412.

8 thur

Jade & Sarsaparilla will be appearing Thursday through Saturday at Cabaret, Charles Playhouse, 70 Warrenton St., Boston. Shows are 10 pm Thursday and 11 pm Friday and Saturday.

9 fri

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Rita Mae Brown and Elaine Noble will be speaking on "Feminism in Literature" at Boston University's Morse Auditorium, 8:00 pm this evening. Admission is \$2.50, with all proceeds going to benefit GCN. For further information please call (617) 426-4469.

"The Celluloid Closet"—a gay history of cinema, with film clips and commentary by Vito Russo. See how Hollywood helped establish and perpetuate stereotypes of gay men and women. Two shows, 7:00 and 10:00 pm at Lowell Auditorium, Harvard University. \$2.50 admission benefits Otherway '75. For info call 426-0412.



Giant Turakoo (*Corythzola cristata*).

10 sat

A Speakout on Gay Oppression will take place in the Sax room of the Worcester Public Library on Salem Square, Worcester, at noon. Sponsored by MCC/Worcester. Please come out and support us. For more information call (617) 426-4469.

A women's film, "Pit of Loneliness," written by Colette, will be shown at Harvard's Emerson Hall, Room 210, this evening at 7:30 and 9:30 pm. This is the story of a schoolgirl in love with her headmistress at the turn of the century. Proceeds go to the Patience and Sarah Fund.

Gay Speak-Out, from 12 to 2 pm at the Saxe Room, Main Library, Salem Square, Worcester, Mass.

Wilde-Stein Club picnic II, Sand Beach, Bar Harbor, Maine.

11 sun

The Gay Academic Union of New England presents John Boswell, speaking on "Homosexuality in History" at 2 pm in the first floor parlor, Phillips Brooks House, at Harvard Yard (northwest corner).

Worcester Homophile Organization's next general meeting will be held at Barbara and Gloria's in Leicester. Please call on Saturday, May 10 if you need transportation or directions on how to get there. The phone number is 885-5695.

Gay Support and Action picnic, Cascade Park, Bangor, Maine, after MGTF meeting.

Maine Gay Task Force Letter, 1 pm, Gay Community Center, 23 Franklin St., Bangor.

13 tues

Otherfilms presents "The Fox" and "Persona." Today at Symphony I, 252 Huntington Ave., Boston. Continuous showings from 1 pm. \$2.00 admission benefits Otherway '75. Info, 426-0412.

The Charlestown Gay Neighbors Association will be holding a social/business meeting tonight at 7:30 pm in Charlestown. New residents are encouraged to come and meet all your may neighbors you might not meet otherwise. Call 241-8357 for location.



Quetzal.

14 wed

Bonnie Raitt will give a benefit performance for the Women's Community Health Center at 7 and 10 pm in the Harvard Square Theatre. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the MCHC, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge, or at the box office. All seats are reserved.



Mopoke (*Podargus cuvieri*).

15 thur

Jade & Sarsaparilla will be appearing Thursday through Saturday at Cabaret, Charles Playhouse, 78 Warrenton St., Boston. Shows are 10 pm Thursday and 11 pm Friday and Saturday.

16 fri

Stephinie Byrd, Norman Walker, and Jim Madru will be reading at the Other Voices Bookstore, 8 pm, 30 Bromfield St., Boston (between Tremont and Washington Sts). Sponsored by the Good Gay Poets.

17 sat

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31 sat

Picketing in Wells-Ogunquit, Maine. Meet at Stage Door at 10 am.

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MONDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM.
9:30 pm—Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge.
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323.
7:30 pm—Gay Women's Rap, Exeter, N.H. (603) 772-6636.
8:00 pm—Lesbian Rap at Women's Center, 215 Park St., N.H.
3 pm—Alcoholics Together/Prov. MCC, 37 Clement St., Providence
8:15 pm—Gay bowling at 1260 Boylston St., Boston.
8:30 pm—Hartford Gay Alcoholics Group (203) 522-2646.

TUESDAYS

7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge.
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
8:00 pm—Springfield Gay Alliance, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, First Unitarian Church, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield.
8:00 pm—Rap on sexuality, MCC/Boston, 131 Cambridge St., Boston (except 1st Tuesday).
8:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM.

WEDNESDAYS

12-8 pm—Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide.
2:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance gay/straight rap, group one, Rm. 108.
8:30-9:30—Gay Health Night at Fenway Community Health Center, 267-7573.
7:00 pm—Straight-Gay Rap, Conference Room, UConn Infirmary (side entrance), Storrs, Ct.
7:00 pm—SMU Gay Alliance Men's Rap, 2nd floor, campus center.
7:00 pm—Liberation Rap Group (617) 756-0730.
7-10 pm—Salem Gay Drop-In Center: Sexuality Learning Rm., Salem State College.
7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, Student Senate Chambers, Campus Center, North Dartmouth, Mass.
7:30 pm—Waltham-Watertown Gays, meet and sup (2nd and 4th Wednesdays), Box 7100, c/o GCN.
8:00 pm—Brown University Gay Liberation, 88 Benevolent St., Providence, 2nd floor.
10:15 pm—"Gaybreak Radio," on WMUA-FM, 91.1 mc. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

THURSDAYS

7:00 pm—Gay Support and Action Group, Bangor, Maine.
7:30 pm—Pioneer Valley Gay Union, basement meeting rms., Grace Church/Amherst.
7:30 pm—Gay Women's Caucus and Rap, UMass/Amherst, Campus Center.
8:00 pm—KALOS, Hartford, Conn., at Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Farmington Ave. and Sigourney St.

8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323, Boston.
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge.
8:00 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students Assn., Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, Cambridge.
8:30 pm—Gay Alliance at Yale meeting in library of Dwight Hall on High St., New Haven.

FRIDAYS

11:00 am—SMU Gay Alliance lesbian rap, Gay Alliance office.
12:30 pm—UMass/Boston Gay Group, Columbia Point, College II, room 620.
7:00 pm—Golden Gays, social meeting, Charles Street Meetinghouse Coffee Shop.
7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union.
7:30 pm—MCC/Providence Health Clinic, 37 Clement St., Providence, R.I.
7:30 pm—"Somewhere" Coffee House, MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St. Live entertainment.
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.

SATURDAYS

3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW, 91.3 FM.
8:00 pm—Gay Support and Action, dance at 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine.
8:00 pm—East Conn. Gay Alliance, 889-7530.
3:00 pm—MCC/Hartford Drop-In Center, 11 Amity St.
8:30 pm—UConn/Gay Alliance, Coffeehouse, Student Union Bldg., Rm. 217.

SUNDAYS

10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc., 942-2094.
2:00 pm—Gay volleyball. Call 241-8357.
2:30 pm—"Gay A's" Alcoholics rap, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.
4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first and third Sundays).
4:00 pm—Dignity Rap Group (except first Sunday of every month when it will follow Dignity meeting at 3 pm), St. Clements Church, 1101 Boylston St., Boston.
4:00 pm—MCC/Worcester services at Central Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd., Worcester.
4-6 pm—Gay Womens Group of Providence rap (401) 831-5184.
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clements Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston.
6:30 pm—Gay Church Services, 23 Franklin St., Bangor, Maine.
7:00 pm—MCC/Boston, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston.
7:00 pm—"Burlington After Dark," bi-weekly radio show, WRUV-FM, 90.1 MHz.
7:30 pm—MCC/Hartford, 11 Amity St., Hartford, Conn.
8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31.
9:00 pm—UConn Gay Alliance Coffee House, Inner College Trailer, "R" lot, off N. Eagleville Rd., Storrs, Ct.

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